

THE EGG IN HISTORY.

It is Surrounded by Many Ancient Legends and Beliefs.

Like many another term in Christian nomenclature, the word "Easter" is derived from pagan sources. The Saxon goddess of light, Estra, was honored with an annual festival at the vernal equinox. The Jewish Passover was also regulated by the March moon, and the resurrection of Jesus occurred at this season. In later centuries the great Christian festival came to bear the pagan name Easter and to be celebrated at a time coincident with the Jewish feast.

Since remotest times the egg has symbolized re-creation. Persian tradition has it that the world was hatched from an egg at the season which corresponds to the vernal equinox, for which reason eggs are still given for New Year's presents by the Persians. The druids said that the sun, a great egg, hatched from itself the earth and other planets.

By the Chinese it is believed that the world was formed of two parts of a great egg. From the yolk man came forth. He then waved his hand, and the upper half of the shell went upward and became the concave heavens; the lower half reversed, making the convex earth, and the white albumen became the seas.

When Christianity took over various of the Saxon rites the Paschal eggs of the Jews were vested with a new significance—namely, the resurrection of Christ. They were colored red in memory of the blood shed for man's redemption.—Chicago News.

EAGLES IN REAL LIFE.

They Do Not Possess the Mad Ferocity One Reads About.

Did the old eagle show fight? Is the first query put by the casual listener. I always see a trace of disappointment sweep over his countenance when he hears the answer. The moment you speak of climbing to an eagle's aerial the average man gets an idea of a harrowing tale of the photographer hanging to the edge of a cliff or the top of a tree, with the old eagles clawing out pound chunks at every swoop. Few eagles possess the mad ferocity pictured and magnified by sensational story tellers. When we first scrambled over bowlders of the canyon up toward the nest I saw the old eagle slip quietly from her eggs and skim out over the mountain top. When I strapped on the climbers to ascend the tree I had one eye opened for trouble. But each time we visited the spot the parents silently disappeared and stayed away as long as we cared to hold possession. They kept a watchful eye, however, from the blue distance overhead. For a noble bird like the eagle this abandoning of the nest and young seemed to me cowardly at first. Perhaps the long years of persecution have taught him something. The first rule of self preservation of this pair seemed to be to keep half a mile distant from the animal that flirts with neither beak nor claw.—Country Calendar.

Worshiped at a Distance.
Curiosity had led the little girl to forsake the nursery, where the other children were playing, and to go to take a peep at the great parlors where the company had assembled, but she prudently remained concealed among the palms.

One of the guests spied her there. "Hello, little girl!" he said. "Are you having a good time?"
"M-h-m!—Say, do you see that lady over there under the chandelier? That's my mamma. Isn't she nice?"
"Indeed she is. Can't you introduce me?"
"Goodness, no," she exclaimed. "I couldn't do that. I haven't been introduced to her myself yet."—Chicago Tribune.

Could Not Qualify.
A well known Scotch house couper, who was considered a respectable member of a congregation, was frequently pressed by the minister to allow himself to be nominated for the eldership. He always put the matter off with evasive answers, but at length the minister demanded the reason for his refusal. Thus driven into a corner the worthy replied: "Man, I wonder to hear you, Mr. McNab! Hoo can a man be an elder and sell a horse?"—Scottish American.

Trees Shrink and Expand.
Perhaps it is more interesting than strictly useful to know that the diameter of trees not only varies from summer to winter, but from day to day. They are larger from noon until twilight next morning than from twilight to noon; they are smaller in winter than in summer. Low temperatures, as well as high, promote evaporation. The trees evaporate from their branches in winter, and so the colder the weather the more they shrink.

The Milky Way.
A gentleman one day in talking to several farm laborers on astronomy thought he could give the farm hands a poser. "Can you," he said, "tell me what made the Milky Way?" The farm hands studied a minute, and then one of them said: "Yes, I think I can. It was the cow that jumped over the moon."

Cheerfulness.
Cheerfulness is one of the universally understood attributes. It is accepted at its face value the world over. It is the gold coin of disposition. Indeed, it is such a large part of disposition that it would almost seem to constitute the whole of it.

We live longer than our forefathers, but we suffer more from a thousand artificial anxieties and cares.—Bulwer.

TWO CLASSES OF OAKS.

One Notable For Its Wood, the Other For Its Brilliance of Coloring.

The great oak family might be divided into two classes—those that ripen their acorns in one season, such as the white, post and mossy cup oaks, and those which require two full years, such as the red, scarlet and black oaks. To the first class belong the chestnut oak and the live oak of the south. This latter tree, for generations played an important part in shipbuilding, but has now been superseded by iron and steel. The leaf, which is an evergreen, is entirely without indentations and is thick and leathery. The wood is very heavy and strong, has a beautiful grain and is susceptible of taking a high polish. At one time this wood was so valuable that our government paid \$200,000 for large tracts of land in the south, that our navy might be sure of a supply of live oak timber.

To the second class of oaks we are largely indebted for the gorgeous colors of our autumn leaves. The red, scarlet and pin oaks, with their brilliant reds, scarlets and browns, are close competitors with the maple in giving our American landscapes the most wonderful autumn colorings to be found anywhere in the world. These three trees have leaves which at first glance are quite similar, but by careful examination may always be distinguished.—St. Nicholas.

Diseases of Animals.
Household pets are susceptible to a far greater variety of diseases than most people imagine. Parrots are known to be susceptible to a disease so peculiar to themselves that it is called from the Greek word for parrot, "psittacosis." A number of fatal cases in human beings of what was at first supposed to be a malignant influenza pneumonia were in Paris traced to the bacillus at present thought to be causative of the parrot disease. A certain proportion of parrots are known to die from tuberculosis. Cats are known sometimes to have tuberculosis, and that they have in many cases been carriers of diphtheria and other of the ordinary infections directly and indirectly is more than suspected.—Kansas City Journal.

How Sparrows Were Caught.
In an old game book published in England in 1820 appeared the following formula for the lessening of the sparrow pest: "Take some lees of wine and hemlock juice, temper them together and steep a quantity of wheat therein for the space of one night. Then place the same in a spot where the birds resort to feed, and when they have eaten thereof they will drop down dead drunk. Too much hemlock should not be used or there will be a danger of poisoning the birds and rendering them unwholesome food."

Thackeray's Best of Characters.
Some one who has been looking at the list of characters enumerated in the last volume of an edition of Thackeray's works has calculated that their number totals up to between 3,000 and 3,500. We have not checked the estimate, but accepting it as accurate, share the discoverer's astonishment.—London Post.

Guarded.
A mother of four daughters, of whom one had recently married, asked a young man sitting beside her in the drawing room whom she would like for a son-in-law. "And which of my girls do you most admire?"
He (fighting shy)—The married one.

Lucky.
Stubbs—No, I can't get along with my wife. To everything I say she retorts "I beg to differ with you!" Penn—You are lucky, old man. My wife just differs without taking time to be.

Erie Improvements.
An appropriation of \$758,000 has been made for rebuilding bridges and culverts along the Erie Railroad, as a part of the comprehensive scheme now under way for the complete rehabilitation of the road. The largest single expenditure is one of \$150,000 for the bridge over the tracks at the Chicago yard, a structure 66 feet long and 435 feet wide, designed to do away with grade crossings at that point.

On the Susquehanna Division the expenditure will aggregate \$266,000, where forty-five bridges and culverts are being rebuilt. This work includes the complete rebuilding of the bridge over the Chenango river. When this 814-foot structure is completed every one of the old style latticed bridges on the division will be done away with, a change made necessary by the increased weight of the locomotives and trains.

Telephone Gains.
It is said that the typewriter has enormously increased the number of business letters, while the use of the telegraph is constantly increasing. Yet more than one-third of all the communications in the United States last year by mail and wire were in the form of telephone messages over the lines of the Bell system.

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Assembly by Districts.

Every county—except, perhaps, Essex county—would gladly favor a constitutional amendment providing for the election of Assemblymen by districts instead of by counties. This proposition is eminently fair. It would result in a better average class of Assemblymen and would develop individuality—something that has been disappearing from the Legislature in recent years.—Jersey City Journal.

Our Jersey City contemporary can be assured that in the matter of Assembly representation the people of Essex county do not differ in sentiment from the people of the rest of the State. The change from district to county representation was a judicial accident which might be corrected any day by the Court of Errors and Appeals. It was neither asked for nor desired by the voters of the State, and the legality of the change is seriously questioned by the best lawyers. As far as voters could resist the change they have done so by selecting party nominees according to the old district lines. That has always been done in Essex County.

The legislative system in New Jersey is so anomalous. Senators are chosen to represent county lines without the least relevancy to population, and so we find Essex and Cape May, the one twenty times more populous than the other, having the same representation in the Senate. The lower legislative chamber is supposed to be modelled on the National House of Representatives, but under the county system of electing Assemblymen it represents practically the same units of population as the Senate, instead of fractions or districts made out of these units. There is no symmetry, no consistency and no proper representation in this legislative system. The Jersey City Journal proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to restore the old district plan of representation, and says that from a partisan view Essex would lose some Republican votes, while Hudson would lose some Democratic votes, which would even up the mutual loss. But we can dispense with the partisan view of the question and take the broader view of State benefit. The Jersey City Journal is right in saying that county representation has had the effect to destroy individuality. It is unquestionable that the State Legislature has not improved in its personnel since the plan of county representation went into operation.—Newark Daily Advertiser.

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The price bid must include the furnishing of all material and labor used in carrying out and completing the entire work.

The following are the approximate quantities: 25,000 cubic yards of excavation; 1 granite monument stone; 3 catch basins complete. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of Ernest Baechlin, the Town Surveyor, Bloomfield National Bank Building, Bloomfield, N. J.

Each bid must be accompanied with a certified check for \$100, drawn to the order of the Town of Bloomfield, as a guarantee of good faith of the bidder.

The Town Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Each proposal must be sealed and endorsed "Myrtle Avenue Improvement Proposal" and addressed to Ernest Baechlin, Town Clerk, Bloomfield National Bank Building, Bloomfield, N. J.

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